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Applicant: Gordon L. Amidon

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For: DISSOLUTION RATE OF POORLY SOLUBLE DRUGS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Reconsideration and the allowance of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification is provided to correct equation numbering errors. It is submitted that no new matter has been added by way of this substitution. A marked-up copy is also provided to identify changes made by way of the substitution.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- 1 1. (Twice Amended) A pharmaceutical delivery vehicle, said delivery
2 vehicle comprising:
3 a drug particle having an initial mass disposed within a diffusional boundary
4 layer comprising a matrix and a solubilizing agent, the diffusional boundary layer
5 having a volume;

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